# The Maryland Yellowthroat

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## MARYLAND FALL COUNT 2003

The annual Fall Seasonal Count sponsored by MOS will be held Saturday, September 20, 2003 and/or Sunday, September 21, 2003 in the Maryland-DC area. Several counties have been conducting organized counts for several years on the third weekend of September. In areas without an identified coordinator, individual parties submit their results directly to the statewide coordinator for inclusion. Clubs that have not included a formal count in their programs this year are urged to plan to do so in future years.

Everyone is urged to participate, no matter your skill level. Identification is only part of being successful; you have to spot the bird first, so every pair of eyes helps.

The guidelines for this count are the same as those used for all seasonal counts. Coordinators will assign volunteers to areas, honoring requests whenever possible. Party leaders are responsible for tracking party miles and times, names of participants, and documentation for unusual sightings. A checklist compilation form is available on the MOS website, in the "Annual Counts" section: **http://www.mdbirds.org/counts/countindex.html**.

The list includes the species one would expect to find in Maryland during this season. Those species on the list requiring further written documentation are noted with asterisks, and all write-ins require full details.

The county coordinators who have volunteered so far are listed on the website form. Anyone already organizing a count or interested in volunteering as a coordinator for another county are encouraged to contact the state Coordinator.

If you don't have web access or you are interested in counting in a county without a coordinator, contact the state Fall Count Coordinator directly. Individual parties or other groups (e.g. Hawk Watch sites, field trips) who count in areas without a coordinator are asked to submit their data along with details on what area was covered directly to the state Fall Count Coordinator by October 11.

**Deadline for submitting completed reports to your county coordinator is no later than October 11, 2003.** County compilers are asked to submit compilations by November 1.

Plan to join the fun and have a great day birding!


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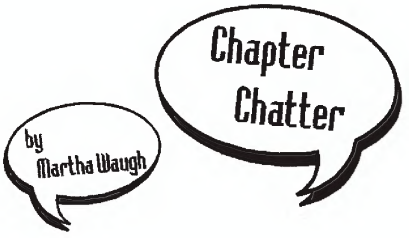


**Howard County Birder Visits Antarctica and Sights Other Birders Too.** In January and February, 2003, Joe Hanfman of the Howard County Bird Club visited the Falkland Islands, South Georgia Island, and Antarctica. Joe reports: "There were millions of birds. I saw seven species of penguins (some say eight, but that is another story), seven species of albatrosses, and numerous petrels, prions, shearwaters, storm-petrels, diving-petrels, shags (cormorants), and the fearless South Georgia Pipit. Gold Harbor on South Georgia Island had 100,000 King Penguins. The adults have a call that sounds like a kazoo and the young sound more like a song bird. Also nesting here was my choice for the world's most beautiful bird, the Light-mantled Sooty Albatross. Eighteen species of mammals were also seen, including mating Southern Right Whales, Blue Whales, Antarctic Fur Seals, Southern Elephant Seals, Leopard Seals, and Reindeer. The last spotting I would like to mention were fellow Maryland birders Phil and Barbara Davis, Brian Patteson, Butch Pearce, and Charlie Mayhood. The 90 participants on our little red ship were primarily birders who each shared their knowledge to make the trip better for all."

**Allegany Chapter Birders Marry.** Penny Knobel-Besa (photographer/theatre director) and Hilmar Gottesthal (artist) married on June 7 in a little Catholic church in Fort Ashby, West Virginia. Hilmar designed the Maryland State Christmas tree ornament for the 2002 White House Christmas tree, a stained glass Evening Grosbeak. Penny and Hilmar have a 30-acre mountaintop home in Flintstone, where they have opened a new art gallery, "Sanctuary Studios." They have counted 106 bird species on the property and they welcome birders to try to add to the list. Call for directions at 301-478-2735 or see their web page, sanctuarystudios.freewebpages.org.

Hilmar held an exhibit and a workshop in "The Wachau," a vacation area near Vienna, Austria, which they combined with their wedding trip. The gallery—an aged stone structure housing an 18th century wine press—was in a lovely area along the Danube River, where Gray Wagtails visited the water's edge and Green Finches sang endlessly. The workshop students were often dive-bombed by Swallows and House Martins (one small building had 43 nests!). Penny and Hilmar were greeted each morning by the pounding of a Great Spotted Woodpecker and serenaded each evening by a Bullfinch soloist.

Continuing their honeymoon trip into Switzerland, Penny spotted a Jackdaw and then a Yellow Wagtail checking out a snack area. In downtown Lugano, they found a juvenile Great Crested Grebe and then its parent; the small interesting alleyways of Lugano also hosted many Black-headed Gulls. In an Alpine valley they watched a Redstart singing by stone cottages with stone roofs. In Venice, overlooking the Grand Canal, they were joined at their table by two Spanish Sparrows who enjoyed Penny's roll and sat on her glass of lemonade. In Florence, staying by the River Arno, they were surprised to find Moorhens with chicks, two juvenile Black-crowned Night-Herons, Gray Herons, Garganey Ducks, and several Little Egrets. At Lake Penne in the Abruzzo Mountains, they spotted Ferruginous Duck and Chaffinch. The best, though, was driving in the Dolomites, where at the tops of several passes Choughs were diving, and they saw Nutcracker, Blue Rock Thrush, Pied Wagtails, Ring Ouzel, Redpoll, and, one morning, a Lesser Kestrel

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## Calling All Artists

MOS invites all its artists to enter the annual Conference Pin Design Contest. The deadline is January 16, 2004. The basic rules are simple:

(1) Entrants must be a member of MOS;

(2) The design must contain a bird appropriate for the conference site (Chestertown, MD) and the phrases "MOS" and "2004."

On the back of each entry put your name, address, and chapter affiliation, and identify the species represented. The pin can be any shape. Send entries to John Malcolm, 10205 Kindly Court, Montgomery Village, MD 20886. For more tips about designing pins for the contest, see the MOS website (www.mdbirds.org/members/contest.html), or contact John Malcolm at 301-977-5788 or at smudgie@comcast.net.

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## The President's Corner

**by Paul Zucker**

To all our returning members and to those who have recently joined, I wish you all a very hearty welcome. This is an exciting time for our organization since we are embarked on several new initiatives. These include expansion of our youth programs, new activities by the state organization to support chapter and member needs, a new focus on building membership, and a revision of our committee structure. We are also in the midst of the fieldwork for the breeding bird atlas, our largest and most ambitious project. As the second year of field effort comes to a close, the atlas is still looking for people to help in covering the state.

In order to support these initiatives and to make our organization a more active and vibrant one, we need the increased involvement of our membership. I am therefore asking every member to consider becoming involved in an activity or committee. Please look at the officer and committee roster included elsewhere in this issue, and please volunteer. You may contact the committee chair, your chapter president, or me.

Another way to learn more about our activities and see what may interest you is to attend a state board meeting. The meetings are open to all members (but only board members or their proxies may vote). The dates for this year's meetings are as follows:

- September 6 (in Anne Arundel county)
- December 6
- March 6
- June 5

Your chapter president and board members will know the detailed arrangements. It is a good idea to contact your chapter president in advance of the meeting, as you might be able to serve as a proxy.

About a month before each meeting, I begin to assemble the agenda. If there is an issue or item you wish to propose or discuss, please contact me. If you have some ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact any of the officers or your chapter president. We can be reached through the webpage (www.mdbirds.org), and I am at president@mdbirds.org. I look forward to hearing from you.

### YELLOWTHROAT STAFF NEEDED

For the past ten years the Yellowthroat was ably edited by Norm Saunders. Norm did a Herculean task, for which we are all very thankful. Now, we need to find new leadership for this very important publication. At this point, however, I think this newsletter and the MOS would benefit from the support of several people. Thus, in addition to a new editor-in-chief, I am also looking for an assistant editor (or copy editor), a graphics and layout editor, and others who wish to help with these tasks. If anyone is interested in discussing these possibilities, please contact me, Paul Zucker, at president@mdbirds.org.

This issue was edited by Lydia Schindler, with the able support of Janet Millenson and our new Calendar editor, Candi Lee. Our thanks go out to you.

## CHAPTER CHATTER

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racing the fog. Back in Austria, as they enjoyed a family party in honor of their wedding, a Golden Oriole flew by. Penny says, "It was the trip of a lifetime. . . but it would have been nice to have gone bird watching." They are already planning a painting workshop for Ephesus, Turkey, in May 2004, where she heard there are a few flamingos.

**You're Invited to the Talbot County Mill Creek Sanctuary.** Sue Ricciardi of the MOS Sanctuary Committee reports that on Saturday March 29 about ten volunteers made good progress on workday activities at the MOS Mill Creek Sanctuary. Located south of Wye Mills, the Sanctuary consists of 156 acres of upland deciduous forest and the stream bottom of Mill Creek. (The spring brought a bounty of spring migrants and nesting bird species; Barred Owl, Louisiana Waterthrush, and Pileated Woodpeckers were present on the workday.) One loop trail, which takes off eastward from the parking lot, is completely marked. A second trail, which forks off just before the bridge where the first trail heads back to the parking lot, is about two-thirds marked; this trail leads to a shelter with a picnic table and fireplace, then wends through some lovely woods and marsh and stream habitat. To reach the Sanctuary from the western shore, take US 50 east over the Bay Bridge; about 2 miles south of the intersection with MD 404, turn right (west) onto MD 662. About 1500 feet ahead, turn left into the parking lot at the metal gate adjacent to a brick house. (The gate is chained, but not locked. Be sure to re-chain it upon departing.) Help keep the trails well-marked by moving fallen branches or logs to the sides of the trails. Prior arrangements to visit are not necessary, but inquiries can be directed to Jan Reese at 410-745-2875.

**Montgomery Birders Photograph Harpy Eagle.** Phil and Doris Brody were vacationing at a house in the heavily wooded El Porton Blanco area on Costa Rica's Osa peninsula when they spotted a huge bird with very broad wings flying into a tree about 75 feet from their deck. The underside was light with barring on the wings and tail; a distinct wide dark band was visible across the chest, a face "like a furry gray mask" with "two distinct crest projections on the head…The main impression from the profile view was of huge yellow feet, a very large bill, and a very dark back with lighter sides." Phil was able to set up his tripod and get 14 pictures with 35mm slide film before the Harpy Eagle flew away. Doris would be interested in any information about the status of this magnificent bird or suggestions about where to send the report and pictures. She can be reached at dcbrody@verizon.net.

**Howard and Montgomery Birders Enjoy a Trip to Churchill.** Karen Darcy and Kevin Heffernan took a trip to Churchill and Southern Manitoba with Field Guides, Inc. in June. Bob and Toni Hartman from Montgomery Chapter were also on the trip. Kevin reports: "The trip netted 247 species, including 37 life birds for Kevin and 20 for Karen. In the southern Manitoba grasslands the group had Sprague's Pipit (display flight), Sharp-tailed Grouse, Ferruginous Hawk, Chestnut-collared Longspur, Yellow Rail, and Baird's, LeConte's, and Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrows. In the spruce forest at Riding Mountain National Park, they saw Boreal Chickadee, Black-backed and Three-toed Woodpeckers, a Ruffed Grouse (seen drumming), and a Spruce Grouse (displaying for about 10 minutes). The highlight of the trip, though, was Churchill, where, in a single "can you top this" day, the guides found, in order, Hoary Redpoll, Trumpeter Swan, Willow Ptarmigan, Northern Hawk Owl, a pair of nesting Goshawks, a Boreal Owl on nest, and a Ross's Gull. Five minutes before they left Churchill, the group got its 247th species, a Sabine's Gull.

**Tri-County Supports Delmarva Birding Weekend.** The Delmarva Birding Weekend took place April 25-27 in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties, MD and Sussex County, DE. Over 150 visitors participated in 20 different field trips, all led by volunteer guides. Tri-County Club members Sam Dyke of the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art and Jim Rapp, Director of the Salisbury Zoo, helped line up the guides; they also worked on planning and marketing the event. Six members of Tri-County as well as several other MOS members served as guides. Mark Hoffman of MD DNR Wildlife and Heritage Service led trips and provided the Friday night lecture, "Rare Birds of Maryland." The weekend is organized by Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE), an alliance of local organizations working to promote nature-based tourism on the Delmarva Peninsula. For more information about the Delmarva Birding Weekend and other DLITE activities, visit www.delmarvalite.org/.

**Cecil Community College Project Aids Atlas Effort.** Students at Cecil Community College taking the class "Special Problems in Biology," taught by assistant professor of biology Beth Olsen, took on an Atlas block for the Maryland Breeding Bird Atlas program as an assignment. The climax of their effort was a public presentation announced in the *Cecil Whig*. The four-student team confirmed 26 breeding species in their block, compared to 7 species in the Atlas of 20 years ago. None of the students were "birders" before this class, but now all four are hooked. Shannon Schade of Elkton has an Atlas block of her own. Cathy Brodo switched from a government major to biology as a result of her experiences in this course. Some photographic highlights included an Ovenbird nest with eggs and a Pileated Woodpecker family from pre-nest selection through the fledging of young and beyond, as well as pictures clearly showing Cowbird eggs in the nests of many species, including Hooded Warbler and Chipping Sparrow.

**Saw-whet Owl Abandons Hideaway at Cylburn, Thanks to an Over-ardent Birder.** On Tuesday, December 17, Keith Eric Costley made a lunchtime birding excursion to Cylburn.* He says, "Hearing some noisy birds, I followed the sound to a mobbing scene near the Circle Trail. There, partially hidden in the heavy vines on the trunk of a deciduous tree, was a Saw-whet Owl being harassed by chickadees and titmice. I hurried into the mansion and excitedly told Joy Wheeler, whereupon we both ran to the site and observed the little owl. The next day Jim Peters and I were unable to locate the bird, but spotted a good bit of "whitewash" and some owl pellets under some pine trees with trunks covered in vines near the wooden gazebo. Returning on Saturday, accompanied by Anne Brooks and Cathy Carroll, I found the tiny bird once again in one of those pines. On Sunday, more BBC members visited the site and were

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### The American Bird Conservancy
### by Dan Southworth

The American Bird Conservancy, dedicated to the conservation of wild birds and their habitats, continues to initiate, develop, and support numerous high-priority conservation programs throughout the Americas. The fundamental role of the American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is to build coalitions of conservation groups, scientists, and members of the public to tackle key avian priorities. The Maryland Ornithological Society joined ABC in 1995 as a voting member, and MOS representatives serve as Delegates to ABC's Policy Council. The Policy Council, comprised of more than 85 organizations, helps identify policies, programs, and projects to deal with avian issues of concern and complements the efforts of the Partners in Flight network. The goal of the Policy Council is to draw interested groups together to implement collaborative strategies that confront the many conservation issues and concerns affecting birds that exist throughout the western hemisphere.

The successful activities, programs, and projects of ABC over the last eight years have been numerous. ABC worked to help protect Swainson's Hawks in Argentina that were severely threatened by exposure to pesticides. Conservationists, supported by members of the ABC Policy Council, succeeded in gaining major reductions in the catch of the Delaware Bay population of horseshoe crabs. This was very significant as excess horseshoe crab eggs support several species of shorebirds during their spring migration to Arctic breeding grounds. ABC is also helping to protect endangered species such as the San Clemente Island Loggerhead Shrike and working to reduce the killing of seabirds on hooks in longline fisheries as well as the massive bird kills associated with communication towers and wind power turbines. ABC is taking an active role to help protect the world's largest Caspian Tern colonies in the Pacific Northwest, and it continues to monitor, study, and provide comment regarding controversies associated with the lethal control of bird populations. ABC has joined with many other organizations to secure better protection for our National Wildlife Refuges, to fight efforts to weaken the protections afforded by the Endangered Species Act, and to secure more dollars for conservation from Federal appropriations.

Millions of birds are killed annually by cats, and ABC is a leader in the fight to reduce this mortality in the United States through their "Cats Indoors!" campaign, which promotes the safety of both cats and birds. ABC also launched an Advocacy Campaign on Pesticides and Birds, and ABC's International Program provides north-south links among conservation groups throughout the western hemisphere through the Conservation Counterparts program. This program annually supports more than a dozen field projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. ABC's program on Climate Change is investigating how bird distributions may be altered by global warming. The Important Bird Areas program launched by ABC aims to recognize the places in the United States that are most crucial for bird conservation and mobilizes the resources needed to protect them. ABC is also a

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## Atlasing by Ear

**by Walter G. Ellison, Maryland/D.C. Atlas Coordinator**

The phrase "atlasing by ear" might seem opposed to common sense. Yes, it is true that being able to recognize the songs of bird species is very useful for locating breeding birds on territory in atlas blocks, but after that you must see the birds to find out what they're doing. Hearing doesn't have anything to do with getting probable and confirmed breeding. Or does it?

Yes, there *are* ways to incorporate birding by ear into atlas field work beyond the identification of singing males. Firstly, the calls of adult birds can provide useful clues about nesting. Most bird species have an array of calls that apply to different behavioral situations. Alarm calls not only constitute a Probable code "A," they will often draw attention to a bird carrying food for young (FY) to a nest site or a nearby fledgling, or they may call attention to a bird on the verge of giving a full-blown distraction display (DD). Secondly, the begging calls of young birds, be they nestlings or fledglings, are very different from those of adults. Some of these calls can be fairly easy to learn and can often be used to confirm bird species without laying eyes on adults or youngsters.

Some of Maryland's most widespread and numerous birds have very distinctive begging calls. Indeed some of these calls are quickly learned because atlasers will be constantly bombarded with them after a spate of young birds have left their nests. One caveat applies to begging calls—adults don't completely unlearn them. Adult females often use similar, though usually less weak and whining, calls when they are fed by their mates, and sometimes a singing mocker will incorporate a less insistent version of the mockingbird begging call into its complex song.

Before you become too concerned about having to develop one more birding skill, I will point out that it is not absolutely necessary to learn a bunch of new calls to atlas by ear. All you really need to do is to be sensitive to new bird sounds as you work in your block(s). Begging calls have a quality that anybody who has been a parent will recognize—an insistent, pleading tone. Indeed, many begging baby birds really sound like they are whining. If you follow these calls to their source you will find fledglings, usually attended by their identifiable and concerned parents. If you track down these calls often enough, you can't help coming to know some of them simply by force of habit. Eventually you may catch yourself thinking things like "there's a baby grackle" as you drive along with the car window rolled down.

One of the most common and easily recognized baby bird sounds is the persistent "ji-dit, ji-dit, ji-dit, ji-dit" of little cardinals. This sound is so characteristic of hedgerows, suburban yards, and woodlot fringes it becomes part of the aural background every bit as much as the singsong of vireos or the chirp of House Sparrows do in their usual surroundings. Cardinal "FL" is the classic drive-by breeding confirmation by ear. Other birds meet the criteria as well. The higher pitched chittering of baby Chipping Sparrows is characteristic of suburban and rural yards. Another begging call that can often lead to a confirmation is cowbird. Young cowbirds have an insistent buzzy begging note—"zizzz-zizzz-zizzz-zizzz-zizzz"—that is almost unique. Oddly enough, the begging call most similar to that of Brown-headed Cowbird is given by little Yellow-rumped Warblers, hardly common in Maryland.

There are a great many sounds to track down out there, from the rising whining "eeeeezz" of baby mockers to the incessant acid-toned "tink-oo, tink-oo" of goldfinch youngsters, the rough but musical "heh-heh-heh" of baby Baltimore Orioles, the laughing titter of a little Downy Woodpecker, or the sweet plaintive "eee-you" of a young Rose-breasted Grosbeak. Keep your eyes open when you atlas, but don't forget to prick up your ears too. Your ears will prove two valuable field assistants.

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### AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY

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leader in Partners in Flight (PIF). Many Maryland birders are familiar with this multinational initiative to integrate existing bird conservation needs and programs into a single, comprehensive plan for protecting all birds in North America.

The American Bird Conservancy, with its goal to actively and efficiently coordinate the efforts of many conservation oriented groups into a unifying force, continues to be extremely instrumental in many collaborative bird conservation efforts. However, many MOS members may not be aware of the fact that individuals may also join the American Bird Conservancy. As a member of the American Bird Conservancy, you would be kept apprised of the issues affecting birds in the US, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean through *Bird Conservation* magazine. This quarterly publication helps members follow the activities of Partners in Flight, the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, and the various ABC programs. In addition, members receive ABC's newsletter *Bird Calls*, providing up-to-date news about ABC's achievements in conserving birds and their habitats. *Bird Calls* also provides important news in the wider world of bird conservation. Generally produced about three times per year, *Bird Calls* covers news on policy issues and lets you know who to contact and what you can do to become more involved.

Detailed information regarding membership in the American Bird Conservancy can be obtained from their website at http://www.abcbirds.org. You can also email the ABC at abc@abcbirds.org or call them in Washington, DC at 202-452-1535. You can help to ensure a better future for birds through an individual membership in the American Bird Conservancy.

### A Big MOS "Thanks" to Mark Johnson

From late 1995 until recently, Mark Johnson was one of two MOS representatives to the ABC, serving as one of the original MOS Delegates to the ABC's Policy Council. The MOS appreciates the time, effort, and expertise Mark devoted in this capacity, as well as his dedication and commitment to helping protect birds and their habitats.

Dan Southworth will continue to serve as an MOS rep to the ABC, along with Paul Zucker, who has filled Mark's slot. Please feel free to contact Dan or Paul regarding any ABC matter.

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# Minutes of the MOS Board Meeting
## March 8, 2003

**President:** Paul Zucker
**Vice President:** Janet Millenson
**Treasurer:** Shiras Guion
**Secretary:** Janet Shields

**Atlas:** Jane Coskren
**Budget:** Helene Gardel
**Conference:** Mike Callahan
**Conservation:** Maureen Harvey
**Investments:** Martha Waugh
**Sanctuary:** Dotty Mumford
**Scholarships:** Jean Fry

**Allegany:** Gwen Brewer
**Anne Arundel:** Janelle Dietrich, Al Haury, Dotty Mumford, Paul Speyser
**Baltimore:** Helene Gardel, John Landers, Ben Poscover, Ruth Poscover
**Caroline:** *not represented*
**Carroll:** Maureen Harvey
**Cecil:** Marcia Watson-Whitmyre
**Frederick:** Marcia Balestri, David Smith, Michael Welch
**Harford:** Thomas Congersky
**Howard:** Mary-Jo Betts, Mike Callahan, Jane Coskren, Karen Darcy, Kevin Heffernan, Kurt Schwarz, Martha Waugh
**Kent:** Walter Ellison, Peter Mann
**Montgomery:** Sam Freiberg, Helen Gray, Judy McCartney, Don Simonson, Ann Weeks
**Patuxent:** Fred Fallon, Chan Robbins
**Talbot:** Bill Novak, Myra Novak
**Tri-County:** *not represented*
**Washington:** Judy Lilga

President Paul Zucker called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and welcomed the board members to Woodend, headquarters of the Audubon Naturalist Society. Paul thanked the Montgomery County Chapter for hosting the meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous board meeting. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Shiras Guion presented the Treasurer's report.

**President's Remarks:** Paul Zucker brought the board up to date with what has been happening since the last board meeting. On the issue of windmills in Western Maryland, Paul wrote the letter discussed at the last board meeting. It was received by the Maryland Public Service Commission and entered into the windmill hearing records. The conference arrangements were renegotiated using the change of date approved at the last board meeting. The registration brochures have been sent out and we currently have 74 people registered to attend. The Executive Committee will be discussing the results of last fall's Long-range Planning Retreat and will start coming up with proposals for changing MOS committee and management structure. There is an Executive Committee meeting scheduled for later this month to do that. Results will be reported to the board.

Some new items: Paul Zucker received a very interesting proposal from the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, The Wilson Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists wanting to know if MOS would be a cosponsor of their annual meeting in 2005 to be held at Bowie, MD. They might want us to help with handling the arrangements in terms of soliciting donations, doing registration and arranging some field trips. They might also ask us to serve as treasurer of the local committee. It will be held at the Headquarters Hotel in Bowie with between 75 – 150 people attending. There was a motion to tell Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and The Wilson Ornithological Society that MOS is definitely interested in participating in the 2005 annual meeting pending negotiation of the details. The motion was seconded and approved.

Paul Zucker asked for all committee chairs and other leaders of activities to provide to him by April 20th a very brief written summary of their accomplishments during the past year. Paul will give these reports to the membership during the annual business meeting at our conference in May.

Paul also clarified the need for the President of the society to sign all MOS contracts or, at the least, to review all MOS contracts. This is not to say the president has to approve every budgeted expense. But the president must review any extended commitment or anything subject to penalties.

According to the bylaws, MOS must put together a Nominations Committee. This is the only committee whose members have to be approved by the board. The job of the Nominations Committee each year is to propose a slate of officers in the spring, which is voted on at the annual meeting. Paul Zucker announced that he has put together a new committee subject to the board's approval. Al Haury, Anne Arundel Co., has agreed to be chairman. Mike Bowen, Montgomery Co., Mary-Jo Betts, Howard Co., Mary Byers, Baltimore Co., and Peter Mann, Kent Co, have agreed to serve on the committee. Paul asked if there were nominations from the floor. There were none and Paul asked the board for a vote approving the new committee members. The Nominations Committee was approved.

The next item talked about by Paul Zucker was vacancies. A number of very important ones need to be filled. Norm Saunders is stepping down as editor of the *Yellowthroat*. A new Executive Secretary is also needed, with $200 per month remuneration. Please make announcements to the chapters and contact Paul if anyone is interested in these positions. New chairs are needed for the Conference Committee, Publicity Committee, Seasonal Counts, Gifts Committee and possibly a Membership chair. There are some other jobs coming open. Don Southworth has, for a long time, done reports for *Maryland Birdlife* and would like to be relieved. Les Eastman, who has been the calendar editor for *Yellowthroat* is stepping down. A Merchandise Manager is also needed.

The next subject was the World Series of Birding. Last year ANS and MOS sponsored the team jointly. The costs were shared but the money MOS raised was kept by MOS. Lynn Davidson and Hal Wierenga, members of last years MOS team, were not inclined to do it again this year. But they would consider it if David Farner and the other team members are interested and the money raised were to go to the Atlas fund. Paul asked the board if they wanted to have a WSB team again this year under the same arrangements as last year and, if there is one, have the proceeds go to the Atlas. It was so moved, seconded and approved by the board. Therefore, a Coordinator is needed. Anyone interested should contact Paul.

**Review of Action Items:** Janet Millenson reviewed the actions items from the previous board meeting and the progress made since then:

1. Chapter presidents made people aware that Jean Fry needed scholarship application by January.

2. Marcia Balestri did make EFM members aware of the MOS scholarships.

3. Chapter presidents did ask their chapters to consider making donations to the atlas.

4. The change of date of the conference to Memorial Day weekend was announced to the chapters by the chapter presidents.

5. MOS brochures were available at the board meeting for the use of the chapters.

6. Paul Zucker did send a letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission stating the MOS position on wind farms.

7. Marcia Balestri is continuing to investigate a plan for Maryland birding trails. This will be an ongoing item.

8. Janet Millenson has collected information from five different chapters on best practices and will disseminating it to the board members today.

9. Eric Sprague has made progress investigating options for an MOS list server.

10. Paul Zucker has assembled a group to discuss the MOS committee structural changes proposed at the retreat, which will be meeting later this month.

11. Helene Gardel received budget requests from most of the committees by February 1st.

12. The sanctuary committee will make recommendations regarding paying mileage for two sanctuary volunteers. Mr. MacKenzie's proposals regarding a Carey Run land deal will be looked into by the committee in June.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget:** The purpose of our spring meeting is to review and approve the budget for the coming year, which starts May 1. Helene Gardel, Budget Chairman, presented the budget for 2003 – 2004. The endowed committees are required to operate at or below the income for their special funds during the previous year. This applies to the Education, Research, Sanctuary and Scholarship Committees. It

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was also noted that it has become less expensive to produce the *Yellowthroat* thanks to the tremendous efforts of Norm Saunders. Also, printing has been going out on bid, bringing prices down. Norm sent a note to Paul Zucker regarding new presses Tri-State Printing now has which are also helping to reduce their prices.

There is still a need for Atlas money. Some of the Atlas grants' money is restricted as to use. Maureen Harvey requested that the Conservation Committee funding be increased by $250 to sponsor an issue for the Maryland Conservation Council. Maureen also requested $500 to be used for conservation projects. This $750 will come out of the EFM Funded Projects money and was added to the budget. Helene Gardel asked for board approval of the budget with the changes to the Conservation Committee's funds. This was seconded and approved.

**Conference:** Mike Callahan notified the board that the pin contest has been concluded. Mike showed the board a picture of the 2003 conference pin. It was a Pileated Woodpecker by Montgomery Chapter member Suzanne Hasenpusch. Mary-Jo Betts gave a report on the field trips for field trips coordinator Linda Friedland who was unable to attend. Mary-Jo told the board that the majority of conference trips and related events are in place with assigned leaders. There are going to be trips to Montgomery, Howard, and Patuxent in Maryland as well as Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia to include a variety of habitats. There will be workshops by Kenn Kaufman, Richard Orr on dragonflies, Bonnie Ott on sparrows and Walter Ellison on atlasing. Mike informed the board that the Wildlife Authority in Ellicott City would be the nature store for the conference. The benefactors of the silent auction and raffle are to be the Audubon Naturalist Society's Youth Birding Group and the Second Chance Wildlife Center, a wildlife rehabilitation facility located in Montgomery County. Also, Gwen Brewer is looking for research poster presenters for the conference.

Mike has been looking into four possible places for our 2004 conference. Locations are as follows: Conference Center at the Maritime Institute, Linthicum, MD, near the BWI Airport is available the third weekend of May with Baltimore & Anne Arundel hosting. Sandy Cove Conference Retreat Center in Cecil County, with Cecil & Harford chapters hosting, is not available the third week in May but has other options available. Washington College, Chestertown is available between early June and early August. McDaniel College, formerly known as Western Maryland College, Westminster, is also available between early June and early August.

The conference choices were discussed by the board and showed that sentiment was leaning heavily in favor of Chestertown. Paul Zucker asked the board members to discuss these choices with their chapter members and get back to him with location preferences for the 2004 conference.

**Conservation:** Maureen Harvey explained that the American Bird Conservancy sent Paul Zucker a request to sign onto a letter objecting to the rule change EPA is seeking to approve the use of pesticides more quickly without going through the Fish and Wildlife Service for permission. Paul did sign the letter. All MOS members may also sign on by going to the website www.saveourbirds.org. Maureen gave out information on the two bills regarding Sunday hunting. The information will appear in the *Yellowthroat* along with the report she handed out on some national conservation issues.

Maureen directed the board's attention to the March/April issue of the *Yellowthroat* in which Glenn Therres explained DNR's position on the use of windmills in Maryland to produce energy. DNR did not object to the windmill development despite Jon Boone's testimony saying migratory birds were quite likely to be affected. The smaller windmill project was approved with $20,000 going to support a study for the impact on birds and other wildlife. The larger project has not yet been approved.

**Investment:** Martha Waugh gave her third report to the board on the progress of the new Investment Committee. She emphasized that times are very difficult. Martha stated that she believes we all share the hesitancy she feels in considering the future of the economy and the stock market in the near future. Even so, a number of investments have been made since the last MOS board meeting, always trying to meet the committee's goals of safety and income. She passed out a report giving details of the overall figures by fund. In addition, she had a more specific report for the chair of each of the committees with an endowment fund and the treasurer for the Operating Fund.

To summarize, as of March 3 the value of the funds the Investment Committee has been working on total $1,136,914.36. The original cost of the equities in these funds was $1,028,565.90. You can see immediately that, overall, our portfolio value has been growing. However, many of our individual equities have decreased in value recently. The committee is hoping for a brighter future. They anticipate an income in the calendar year of $47,222.46. Martha emphasized that this is anticipated income and we cannot predict future earnings with absolute accuracy. The liquid assets (money market funds) totaled $92,881.83. The committee plans to keep a certain amount of liquid assets, as Shiras our treasurer must have money readily available to pay MOS bills. The committee's ambition is to be as fully invested as possible and the current amount is larger than we would like in better times. Because of today's uncertain investment climate, the committee has been saving some of this money to be ready for good opportunities when they arrive. In 2003, $189,000 in government and private bonds will mature so we will have some additional decisions to make with that money.

**Sanctuary:** Dotty Mumford gave the Sanctuary Committee report. There was a committee meeting in January with the entire meeting being taken up with the budget request for the new budget year. There will be a meeting in June to discuss the MOS retreat results. There are some sanctuary workdays coming up. Mill Creek is having a workday on March 29 to get the parking lot in order and establish trails. Also there will be a workday at Irish Grove on April 5. Carey Run's workday is scheduled for the 26th of April. Future workdays will probably be less structured. In the future there will probably be project days with the idea that there is a specific project that needs to be done. The workday would then be scheduled at the optimal time of year to have the project done. Dotty noted that she has asked Paul Zucker to find a replacement for her as chairman of the Sanctuary Committee. She will continue as chairman until someone is found to take over. Paul noted that he has asked someone to fill the position and is waiting to hear from that person.

**Scholarship:** Jean Fry was unable to attend the board meeting but telephoned Paul Zucker with the following report. She has twelve applicants this year and they all want to go to the Maine camps. There are funds available to send eight. Jean thinks ten deserve scholarships but will only be able to award eight. She has a holdover from last year that will receive one of the scholarships. This person was the top-ranked candidate from last year but got a grant and went somewhere else. The list of winners will be sent to the chapters and put in the *Yellowthroat* once they are determined.

**Atlas:** Jane Coskren announced that $5,000 was received from Maryland Costal Bays and can only be used only in Worcester County. Paul Zucker just signed a contract with DNR for $20,000. DNR's year runs from July through June. MOS has requested $40,000 for the next fiscal year. Howard County's matching grant of $1,000 was met this budget year by other MOS chapters. Howard will again be doing a $1,000 matching grant for the new budget year. There is an ad out for a Miniroute Coordinator. Walter Ellison was voted the highest raise allowed by his contract. The Atlas Committee has decided to offer cups for sale as well as apparel at the conference to raise money.

Walter Ellison informed the board that atlas data entry is back on the MOS website. Mark Wimer, who is in charge of the atlas program at Patuxent, wanted data review from coordinators before opening the site. This delayed the site being available but it is now open. Walter has posted on *MD Osprey*, explaining the site in some detail for coordinators. So the coordinators should now be able to use the data entry system. Five hundred and seventy-five blocks have been entered at the Patuxent site from a possible 1,285 blocks.

**Best Membership Practices:** Janet Millenson sent out an email and letter to all the chapter presidents requesting information on best practices of their chapters that help them obtain and maintain members. She heard from five of the chapters. Janet had a handout summarizing the ideas given to her by the responding chapters, ideas that they felt contributed to maintaining and increasing their membership. She explained that what is not in the summary is that the real secret to success for chapter vitality is to live in an area that is growing and expanding. A number of things came up from multiple chapters. Some of the ideas were pretty basic. Others ideas would be good if the chapter has the money and volunteers to implement them. The ideas on the handout are just a start. Anyone with ideas to add or comments should contact Janet.

**Listserves for MOS Communications:** Eric Sprague is looking into this but was unable to attend today's meeting. He sent a report to Paul Zucker. There is one listserve that Eric has used called Topica that is free but it does have popup ads. Another one is called What Helps offering an email discussion group with a fee of $10 a month. Eric would like people who are aware of other

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listserves that MOS could use for our internal communications to let him know. He will then look into them for MOS. This is a continuing project, which Eric will report on at the next board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Maryland Birdlife CD:** Janet Millenson reported that the master disc is almost finished. The money has already been allocated. Since she got a proof copy and been going through it and checking hundreds of bookmarks, Janet thoroughly enjoyed it and been impressed with the content. She thought we should reconsider doing just a limited number of discs. There is wonderful information on the disc and everyone should have it. It is being reproduced for both the PC and the Mac. To reproduce 1000 copies it costs less than $1 apiece. The money has already been allocated and it should not make a difference to budget if we increase the number of copies ordered. In view of the low cost to produce the CD and the quality of its information, Janet Millenson made a motion that the board reconsider and give a copy to every member. The motion was amended that the cost of the Maryland Birdlife CD to MOS members should be $2 plus the cost of postage if mailed. This motion was seconded and approved. The board expressed a consensus that the CD should be free to schools and libraries in Maryland that request it. To begin with, one thousand copies are to be made. Janet will look into offering it to ABA sales and get back to the board with suggestions for non-member pricing. Janet also mentioned the board should consider at some point budgeting for a digital archive of the *Yellowthroat*.

**NEW BUSINESS** — None.

**NEW ACTION ITEMS**

1. Need names of candidates to fill committee chairs and other openings that are available. Presidents please announce this at your chapter meetings.

2. Provide Paul Zucker by April 20th with a two-paragraph summary of this year's activities for each committee suitable for publication in *Maryland Birdlife* and include a list of all the members.

3. People from chapters mentioned as a possible site for the 2004 conference should talk to their chapter members about the feasibility of holding the 2004 conference.

4. Chapters who have not responded to Janet Millenson on Best Practices please contact her.

5. Chapter presidents should ask their members for volunteers to help at the current conference with the raffle, silent auction, etc.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Book Publication and Signing:** Sam Freiberg announced that he had flyers from ANS which read that the Audubon Naturalist Society with Johns Hopkins University Press invite you to the publication of *The Birds of the Mid-Atlantic Region and Where to Find Them* by John H. Rappole. There will be a book signing here at ANS on March 30 between 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Anyone interested in the details should obtain a flyer from Sam.

**Brochures and Stationery:** These items are available here at the board meeting if you need them.

President Paul Zucker declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Shields, Secretary

## CHAPTER CHATTER

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treated to excellent views of the Saw-whet. Hard to believe that on Monday I found a second Saw-whet Owl! This bird was in a large spruce near the formal garden and was munching on a little mouse. The other owl was in the same pine tree where it had been seen earlier. The two owls were seen at once on at least one more occasion after this. On Sunday, more BBC members visited the site and were treated to excellent views of the Saw-whet."

However, someone cut away the vines from the owl's daytime roost, apparently to get a better picture, and the owl abandoned this site. Keith adds, "It is very nice to find a bird that elicits such excitement among birders. It gives one a warm feeling to share something special with the fine people of the birding community; but it seems there is always one in the crowd. (If you could pass me a soapbox, I'd like to climb up on my high horse... thank you.) One that gets carried away and puts his or her desire to get a better look, or the best photograph, before the welfare of the bird(s). It was that person [or persons] who thought it would be a good idea to cut the vines away from the owl's daytime roost. Owls are very sensitive creatures, and we should always take care not to disturb them." Learn more at: www.mdbirds.org, www.owlpages.com, www.owling.com. For a charming picture of the Saw-whet by Steve Sanburn (who did NOT cut away vines to get this shot), see http.//www.bcpl.net/~tanager/Saw-whet.htm.

***What's Cylburn?** Cylburn Arboretum is a nature preserve and city park of about 207 acres in Baltimore. The Arboretum's center is Cylburn Mansion, Baltimore City's horticultural headquarters and home of the Cylburn Arboretum Association, part of whose mission is to work with the city to preserve Cylburn's historic grounds and buildings through its horticultural and educational activities. The Cylburn Mansion also houses the MOS Museum of the Birds of Maryland on the second floor. The museum is open to the public every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is also open on the schedule of Open House events of the Cylburn Arboretum Association on many weekends throughout the year, usually from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The MOS Museum is staffed by MOS volunteers, coordinated by Joy Wheeler (410-825-1204) and Patsy Perlman (410-466-3998). The grounds of Cylburn provide opportunities to enjoy flowers, trees, lovely walks, and, of course, many birds. Cylburn is located at 4915 Greenspring Ave—on the east side of Greenspring Avenue, between Northern Parkway and Cold Spring Lane, both accessible via western exits off I-83. The entrance is marked by stone pillars and a wooden sign. See www.Cylburnassociation.org for some pictures and the schedule of upcoming events.

**Montgomery Welcomes New Members.** The Montgomery Chapter welcomes Karen and Bruce Cyr, David Farner, Keith and Beth Hamilton, Barb Jewell, Alma Kasulaitis, Joan Moyers, Margaret Schultz, and Margaret Sickels.

**Howard Masters the Media.** MOS members have been in the news over the summer. On June 26, Lisa Colangelo was featured in a *Washington Post* article entitled "Helping Bluebird Numbers Take Wing." Sue Muller was also quoted. Bluebirds were the main thrust of the article, but the Atlas Project was also mentioned. Stan Arnold, Jo Solem, and Suzanne Probst were in an article on May 23 in the *Howard Sun* that focused on the Atlas Project.

**Oh Brother! Says Cecil Birder.** Ken Driver's non-birding brother Jeff and his wife, Cathy, moved to Tampa, Florida recently, and Ken and his wife Kim went to visit them. For several years Ken has unsuccessfully sought Florida Scrub Jays on the Florida East Coast. On this trip he tried Oscar Scherer State Park on the Gulf coast, south of Sarasota; with some difficulty and much disappointment, Kim found one and then, to Ken's delight, four others came in sight. Two hours later, they made it to the brother's house, who informed them that he has Scrub Jays in his back yard. Sure enough, 10 minutes later from his back deck, they saw three. Soon they saw ten Roseate Spoonbills overhead. In their first hour, Jeff's yard list included Scrub Jay, Spoonbill, Wood Stork, White Ibis, Snowy Egret, Green Heron, and Osprey. Ken says, "Oh Brother, what am I doing here?"

# MOS Activities, September-November 2003

**★= Field Trip**

**Tuesday, September 2**

★**Harford**. Pop-fly Nighthawks. Balls, Bats, and Birds will be flying on this visit to Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen. We won't be in on the game but lights should draw all manner of aerial insectivores from left field. Meet at the back of the overflow parking lot (to the right when you turn onto Gilbert Road) at 7:30 PM.

★**Baltimore**. Lake Roland (Robert E. Lee Park). First in a series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Mary Chetelat, 410-665-0769.

*Meeting*. **Baltimore**. 7:30 PM. Tuesday Evenings at Sherwood. "Birds of the Mid-Atlantic Region and Where to Find Them." John H. Rappole.

**Wednesday, September 3**

★**Montgomery**. AAAAA: Almost Autumn Avian Afternoon Adventure. Meet at Hughes Hollow at 3 PM. We will bird McKee-Besher's WMA until dusk. All are welcome. Reservations not required. Call Leader Jim Green, 301-208-2393, for more info or directions.

★**Baltimore**. 9:30 to Noon. First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry. Our monthly visit to assist in survey of bird activity. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain). Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

★**Baltimore**. 6 to 8 PM. Wednesday Evenings at Fort McHenry. Meet outside the Fort's gate (Fort Ave & Wallace St). Cancelled if raining. Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

*Annual Picnic*. **Carroll**. 7:30 PM. Speaker Paul Zucker: "Birding the West." Contact Amy Hoffman at 410-549-3598 for info on the meeting location.

**Thursday, September 4**

*Meeting*. **Frederick**. Stauffer Miller will regale us with his tales of birding in New Zealand, Ghana, and Mexico. Meet at C. Burr Artz Library in downtown Frederick at 7:00 PM. Contact Marcia Balestri, 301-473-5098, mebalestri@erols.com).

**Saturday, September 6**

★**Cecil**. Turkey Point Warblers & Hawk Watch 2003 Kick-off. Meet at 7 AM at Turkey Point parking lot (half-day). For further info, contact Leader Sean McCandless (410-392-3407) or Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Montgomery**. Triadelphia Area. Half day. Excellent chance for early fall migrants. Looking for 7-8 intrepid birders for a morning of woodland birding along the Patuxent River watershed. Meet at 7:15 AM at Ashton Village Center (near 7-11) at intersection of Rtes 108 & 650. Reservations required. Leader: Hugh Mahanes, 301-564-0780.

★**Washington**. Harney Ponds in Frederick County. Meet 8:30 AM at the Rte 66 Park & Ride. Call Ann Mitchell at 240-420-0808 for further info.

★**Frederick**. North County Warblers/Cooper Sanctuary. Doug and Nancy Parker will lead us on a quest for warblers, thrushes, and other fall migrants in northern Frederick County. We will also visit the Seymour B. Cooper Sanctuary. For information, contact Doug or Nancy (301-663-1909).

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM. Warblers or Rarities. Site to be determined. Maybe Milford Mill Park to see "Confusing Fall Warblers," or maybe somewhere else for hot-line rarities (if any). Leader: Pete Webb, 410-486-1217 or pwebb@bcpl.net.

*Annual Picnic*. **Anne Arundel**. Potluck Picnic at home of Stephen & Mary Lou Hult (410-956-3392), 925 Shore Dr., Edgewater. Please call hosts if planning to attend.

**Sunday, September 7**

*Annual Picnic*. **Allegany**. 1 PM at Carey Run Sanctuary, Finzel, MD. Club will provide meat and drinks; please bring a covered dish. (This is a good opportunity to pay dues and save a stamp.) Contact Barbara Gaffney for more info at 301-895-4646. Directions from US 68: Take Finzel exit and turn left (south) to dead end. Turn right and go straight at fork in the road. Make first right turn onto the unpaved road. Cross bridge and turn right (look for MOS sanctuary signs).

★**Harford**. Eden Mill. Grab a glimpse of southbound warblers, vireos, and thrushes as these migrants catch a meal and some rest in this scenic park along upper Deer Creek. Meet at the Mill House at 7 AM.

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM. Black Marsh Wildlands. Trip to North Point State Park to see migrating butterflies and a variety of birds on land, marsh, and open water. Two- mile level walk. Telescopes useful. From Beltway (I-695) take exit 42 and bear right onto MD 151, North Point Boulevard south. Immediate left at light to North Point Road (MD 20) Edgemere/Fort Howard. Continue south on North Point Road for approximately 2 miles. Just past Millers Island Road turn left into North Point State Park. Proceed to parking lot. $2 entrance fee. Leaders: Brent and Mary Byers, 410-686-7294 or baypuffin@hotmail.com.

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Talbot**. Sunday Morning Walk. 7:00 AM. Wades Point Inn, in quest of early migrants. Breakfast Host: Margie Steffens. Leader: Les Roslund (410-763.8169, lroslund@bluecrab.org). Depart St. Michaels Village Shopping Center parking lot adjacent to Talbot Bank, St. Michaels.

**Tuesday, September 9**

★**Baltimore**. Lake Roland, 8 AM. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Patsy Perlman, 410-466-3998.

*Meeting*. **Patuxent**. "Whooping Crane Restoration Program," with staff of the Patuxent Research Refuge. The heart-warming struggle and ongoing success story of the introduction of a migratory Whooping Crane population to Florida. At the Patuxent Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road. Formal program at 7:30; doors open at 7:00 for conversation, refreshments, and exchange of birding news. At the College Park Museum Annex at the end of Cpl Scott Drive, off Paint Branch Parkway, first light east of the College Park Metro Station.

**Wednesday, September 10**

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM. Green Mount Cemetery, 1501 Greenmount Ave. A new series of three walks (also Mar 31, June 18) to investigate bird life in Baltimore City cemeteries. These pockets of green space are relatively undisturbed and unexplored. Directions: From I-83, take North Ave exit. At light, turn left (east) onto North Ave and go 10 blocks. Turn right on Greenmount Ave and go 3 short blocks. At Oliver St, turn left into Main Gate and park. Meet and sign indemnification agreement form (required, forms provided) at the cemetery gate. Leader: Joy Wheeler, 410-825-1204.

★**Baltimore**. 6 to 8 PM Wednesday. Evenings at Fort McHenry. Meet outside the Fort's gate (Fort Ave & Wallace St). Cancelled if raining. Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

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**★= Field Trip**

**Thursday, September 11**

★**Montgomery**. Rock Creek Park, DC. Half day. Migrant warblers, vireos and sparrows. Meet at 7 AM at Picnic Area #18 (on Ridge Road half mile below Nature Center). Reservations not required. Call Leader, Robert Hilton (301-587-6136) if unsure of directions.

*Meeting*. **Howard**. "Helping Your Records Committee Document Rarities" by Paul O'Brien. Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia. Hospitality and club bookstore at 7:30 PM, meeting/program at 8 PM. For further info call Kurt Schwarz at 410-461-1643.

★ **Baltimore**. 6:45-7:45 PM. Chimney Swifts in Hampden. First of two trips at dusk to see migrating Chimney Swifts as they pour into chimneys at the Bookbindery. Come up to 1 hour earlier if weather is cloudy or gray, when the Swifts enter the chimney earlier. Last year more than 4,500 Swifts entered the chimneys. Cancelled if raining. Leaders: Alice Nelson at alice.display@verizon.net and Carol Schreter at 410-664-5151.

*Meeting*. **Talbot**. 7:30 PM. Speaker: Dr. Peter Stifel, Professor, University of Maryland (Ret). "Geology of the Chesapeake in Relation to the World." Depart St. Michaels Village Shopping Center parking lot adjacent to Talbot Bank, St. Michaels.

**Saturday, September 13**

★ **Harford**. Canoeing the Anita Leight Estuary. Explore one of the last remaining marshy expanses of the Upper Chesapeake region from a rail's-eye view. Trip departs at 5:30 PM but space is limited so make reservations at dave_z@umsl.edu.

★**Howard**. Middle Patuxent Environmental Area 7 AM (Half day). Meet at Trotter Rd gravel lot. Leader: Stan Arnold, 410-768-0155. Moderate to difficult hiking through woodlands and fields. Stream crossings expected. Mix of woodlands, fields, river, and streams offers a wide variety of habitats and birds. Migrant warblers, thrushes, vireos, and hawks will be on the move. No facilities.

★**Montgomery**. Meadowside Nature Center and area. Half day. "Challenging" fall warblers and other migrant land birds. Meet at 7:30 AM at Nature Center. Call for directions; no reservations necessary. Leader: Rick Sussman, 301-774-1185.

★**Frederick**. Stauffer's Marsh. Wilbur Hershberger will show us the wonderful birds of this great WV marsh. Meet at Baker Park at 6:30 AM and we will rendezvous with Wil at the Food Lion on Rte 9 west of Martinsburg at about 7:15 AM. Call Wil (304-754-7517) for further info.

★**Baltimore**. 6:45 AM. Shorebirds at Hart-Miller Island. Full day. Meet 6:45 AM sharp at boat dock. 8-mile, 10-hour hike on level ground under open sky with no shelter or shade; one rest stop (bathrooms) half way around the trek. Wear a hat and long pants. Carry scope, drinks, lunch, sun screen, and insect repellent. Maryland's best shorebird hotspot by far. Possible rare gulls; Merlins in fall and Peregrine Falcons year-round. Possible Baird's Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, American Golden-Plover. Reservations are required. For reservations, directions, and information email Gene Scarpulla at ejscarp@comcast.net by Thursday evening, September 11, , or call 410-388-0852 after 7 PM.

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM Cromwell Valley Park. Diverse habitat that includes stream, woods, and fields. Expect to see a variety of resident and migrant birds. Leader: Jim Meyers, 410-435-2008.

★**Patuxent**. Bombay Hook NWR, DE, & vicinity. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Bowie Park&Ride at 7:00 AM. Leader: Fred Fallon.

★**Talbot**. 6:30 AM. Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge: A smorgasbord of waterbirds. Bring lunch. Leader: Terry Allen, 410-822-8132. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

*Picnic*. **Tri-County**. Wicomico Breeding Bird Atlas picnic at home of Carol and Don Broderick, 5 PM. RSVP at 410-742-8920.

**Sunday, September 14**

★**Cecil**. Turkey Point Warblers & Hawk Watch. Half day. Meet at 8 AM at Turkey Point parking lot (half day). For further info, contact Leaders: Leslie Fisher (410-658-2427) or Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Baltimore**. 6 AM. Fall Warblers at Turkey Point. Philadelphia Vireo, Tennessee, Cape May, Bay-breasted Warblers possible. If the songbirds disappoint, there are always the hawks! Moderate walking. Half-day trip; bring water & snacks. Meet at Cromwell Bridge Rd Park & Ride, Beltway Exit 29-A, at 6 AM OR join us at "the Point" parking lot at end of Rte 272, Exit 100 south off I-95, at 7:30 AM. Leader: Joel Martin, 410-744-9211 or jcdlmartin@aol.com.

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Carroll**. Morgan Run NEA. Meet 7 AM at the parking lot at the end of Ben Rose Lane. From Westminster, take Rte 97 south. Turn left on Bartholow Rd & left again on Jim Bowers Lane. Turn left onto Ben Rose Lane. For more info, contact leader, Jerry Tarbell, at 410-857-1109.

★**Talbot**. Benoni Point. Water and land birds. 7 AM. [No breakfast.] Leader: Charles Hopkins. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

★**Anne Arundel**. Peter Hanan (410-721-2658) will lead trip to Kent Island & Terrapin Park for woodland birds and waterfowl. Second part of trip (Cross Island Bike Trail) will be divided into either walk or bike (bring your own bike). Bring lunch if you plan to spend the day. Peter will depart from Bay 50 Shopping Center at 7 AM.

**Tuesday, September 16**

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM. Lake Roland. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Josie Gray, 410-922-8237.

**Wednesday, September 17**

★**Howard**. Trolley Trail Weekday Walk 8:30 AM (2 hours). Meet at Oella parking lot. Leaders Michele Wright and Eva Sunell, 410-465-6057 or 410-995-0029. Easy walk on paved path through the woodlands. Migrant songbirds expected. No facilities.

★**Baltimore**. 6 to 8 PM. Wednesday Evenings at Fort McHenry. Meet outside the Fort's gate (Fort Ave & Wallace St). Cancelled if raining. Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

**Thursday, September 18**

★**Harford**. Mariner Point Park. Nestled between the Gunpowder Marsh and the slow waters of Foster Branch, varied habitats and paved trails of this park make for good birding and a comfortable walk. Meet near the pavilion at the back parking lot at 7:30 AM.

*Meeting*. **Caroline**. "Early Birds and the Origin of Flight." Steve Westre, presenter. 7:30 PM. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

**Friday, September 19**

★ **Washington**. Washington Monument State Park. This is prime time for Broad-winged Hawk migration. Meet 7:30 AM in the park's upper lot. For details contact Dave Weesner at 301-432-7718.

**Saturday, September 20**

★**Harford**. Soldiers Delight. Enjoy good birding in the stunted forests and open rock barrens of one of the region's most unique ecological features. Meet at 7 AM at the MD 152 and I-95 Park-n-Ride.

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM to Noon. Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry. Cancelled if raining. Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

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*Annual Fall Count.* **Baltimore**. We will tally all birds seen within the City and County during this calendar day. Birders of all levels of experience are welcome and urged to participate. To avoid duplication of counting, contact compiler Debbie Terry, 410-252-8771 or gt5s@bcpl.net, for assignment.

*Annual Fall Count.* **Baltimore**. 8:30 AM. Cromwell Valley Park. Join Elliot Kirshbaum for the Fall Count. Great spot to observe fall migration of Broad-winged Hawks and other raptors. Bobolinks also possible. Observers who wish to stay longer may want to bring food, water, or other beverage and a comfortable chair. There are picnic tables at the site. Leader: Elliot Kirshbaum, 410-243-1481 or ekirschb@bcpl.net.

*Annual Fall Count.* **Frederick**. Gary Smyle coordinates our 7th countywide fall census. We need all ears and eyes, experienced birders and newcomers. Call Gary (301-663-0055) to be placed with a team or be assigned a territory. Gary and Betty will host the Tally Rally.

*Annual Fall Count.* **Caroline**. Coordinator: Debby Bennett.

*Annual Fall Count.* **Carroll**. Anyone interested in assisting, please coordinate locations with Bob Ringler at 410-549-6031. Tally rally at the home of Dave & Maureen Harvey. RSVP to them at 410-795-3117.

**Sunday, September 21**

★**Cecil**. Turkey Point Migrants & Hawk Watch. Half day. Meet at 8 AM at Turkey Point parking lot. For further info, contact Leader Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Montgomery**. President's Walk at Seneca. Half Day. Participation of all former Chapter Presidents is encouraged and everyone is welcome. Bring lunch for a post-walk picnic. Meet at 7:30 AM at parking lot at end of Riley's Lock Road off River Road. Honorary Leaders: current and former presidents. Contact Sam Freiberg at 301-652-7543 for more info.

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Talbot**. 7 AM. Easton Wastewater Treatment Plant, in quest of early migrants. Leader: Les Coble (410-820-6165, wayne.bell@washcoll.edu). Breakfast Host: Sue Ormsby. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

★**Anne Arundel**. Meyers Station. Al Haury (410-923-0881) will lead half-day trip in search of fall warblers and woodland birds. This private sanctuary along the Patuxent River is owned and maintained by Mr. Buz Meyer. Al will depart from Parole Park & Ride at 7 AM.

*Annual Fall Count.* **Allegany**. Chuck Hagar will be the compiler for the 14th annual Fall Count. Contact Chuck at 301-689-5344 for area assignments. Tally to be held at Ray Kiddy's house, 13103 Quarry Ridge Rd, at 7 PM. Call Ray at 301-729-1972 for directions. Bring a covered dish to share with the other participants

**Monday, September 22**

*Meeting.* **Tri-County.** "Birding the Bering Sea—Pribiloffs, Nome, and Gambell." Presented by Sam Dyke. 7 PM at Asbury Methodist Church (Fox Room, south entrance), Salisbury.

**Tuesday, September 23**

★**Baltimore**. 8:00 AM at Lake Roland. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Mary Jo Campbell, 410-825-2704.

*Meeting.* **Washington**. "Maryland Bats." Josh Johnson from the Center for Environmental Science will present an overview of the bats we are most likely to encounter. He will also acquaint us with inventory techniques used by researchers. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM at Mt. Aetna Camp & Retreat Center. Call Anna Hutzell, 301-797-8454, for additional info.

**Wednesday, September 24**

*Meeting.* **Cecil**. "Fat, Feathers & Flyways" by Richard Donham and Deborah Allen. 7 PM at Elkton High School Media Center, Elkton, MD. Raffle, refreshments. For further info contact Rick Lee (410-287-0415).

**Thursday, September 25**

★**Baltimore**. 6:30-7:30 PM. Chimney Swifts in Hampden. Second of two trips at dusk to see migrating Chimney Swifts as they pour into chimneys at the Bookbindery. Come up to 1 hour earlier if weather is cloudy or gray as the Swifts enter the chimney earlier. Last year more than 4,500 Swifts entered the chimneys. Cancelled if raining. Leaders: Alice Nelson, alice.display@verizon.net, and Carol Schreter, 410- 664-5151 or cschreter@aol.com.

**Saturday, September 27**

★**Cecil**. Cape May, NJ Fall Migration. Meet at 7 AM at Big Elk Mall Dunkin' Donuts parking lot (half day). For further info contact Leader Brian Moyer (410-378-5307) or Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Montgomery**. Delaware Coast. Full Day. Bombay Hook and environs. This trip is designed especially for beginning shorebird enthusiasts, but all are welcome. High tide is conveniently late, allowing for a civilized meeting time. Plan for a late lunch to take advantage of the influx of shore birds just prior to high tide at 1:42 PM. Contact Leader for reservations and start time and location. Frank Witebsky will co-lead. Leader: Cyndie Loeper, 301-530-8226.

★**Frederick**. Little Bennett Regional Park. Dave Smith will lead us on a walk around this fun area to search for fall migrants and resident species. For info, contact Dave (410-549-7082).

★**Caroline**. Basic bird walk for kids, but adults are welcome as well. 8 AM. Martinak State Park. Meet at cabin near boat ramp.

★**Tri-County.** Chincoteague NWR for coastal migrants. Leader Betty Pitney, 410-543-1853. Meet at Asbury Methodist Church (north parking lot), Salisbury, at 7:30 AM; bring lunch/snack/drink.

**Sunday, September 28**

★**Harford**. Turkey Point Hawkwatch. Timed specifically to coincide with the peak of Broad-winged Hawk and falcon migration. Trip-goers can expect to see large numbers of Broadwings and Kestrels. Meet at MD 155 and I-95 Park & Ride at 8 AM.

★**Howard**. Hugg-Thomas Wildlife Management Area (joint trip with Carroll County). 8 AM (3 hours). Meet at gravel lot on Forsythe Rd in Sykesville. Leaders Dave and Maureen Harvey (410-795-3117). Moderate walking along field edges and through woodlands. Hills, wet grass, muddy trails expected. Migrant warblers, sparrows, and hawks likely. No facilities.

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning Birders Welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Carroll**. Joint trip with Howard County Bird Club to Hugg-Thomas WMA. Meet 8:00 AM at Hugg-Thomas parking lot on Forsythe Rd in Sykesville. For more info contact trip leaders Dave or Maureen Harvey at 410-795-3117.

★**Talbot**. 7:00 AM. Oxford Road. Specifics TBA. Leader: Terry Allen (410-822-8132). Breakfast Hosts: Cynthia and Andre Marechal. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

**Tuesday, September 30**

★**Baltimore**. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Patsy Perlman, 410-466-3998.

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★**Anne Arundel**. Hawk Mountain, PA. Larry Zoller (410-987-9354) will lead this trip in late September or early October; date will be determined by favorable weather conditions. Departure will be 5:30 AM. Give Larry a call if you would like to go, and he will either email or call you several days in advance to confirm departure date.

**Wednesday, October 1**

★**Baltimore**. 9:30 AM-Noon. First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry. Our monthly visit to assist in survey of bird activity. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain, snow). Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

*Meeting.* **Carroll**. 7:30 PM. Please contact Amy Hoffman at 410-549-3598 for details on program & location.

**Thursday, October 2**

*Meeting.* **Frederick**. Walter Ellison will present "Little Brown Birds: Identifying the Sparrows," a discussion of the identification of the regularly encountered sparrows (with a couple of less regular species) of the Mid-Atlantic States. Meet at C. Burr Artz Library in downtown Frederick at 7:00 PM. Contact Marcia Balestri (301-473-5098, mebalestri@erols.com).

**Friday, October 3 – Sunday, October 5**

★**Frederick**. Cape May. An overnight trip to Cape May to watch hawks and other migrants at one of the great hot spots in the country. For info contact Dave Smith (410-549-7082).

**Friday, October 3**

*Meeting.* **Anne Arundel**. "Parr on Parrots: Travels with Parrots around the World and the Need for Conservation." Michael J. Parr, VP for Program Development, American Bird Conservancy. Tawes Building, Annapolis (Rowe Blvd., DNR Conference Room).

**Saturday, October 4**

★**Cecil**. Turkey Point Migrants & Hawk Watch. Meet at 8 AM at Turkey Point parking lot (half-day). For further info contact Leader: Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Harford**. Harford Glen. Join Leaders through the marshes, fields, and forests of this perennial club favorite. Always a productive location. Meet at mansion house at 8 AM.

★**Howard**. Sparrow Big Day. All day. Trip limited to 10 participants. Leader: Bonnie Ott. A grueling all-day trip to visit the best sparrow spots in the county. We will try to find as many species of LBJ's as possible. Call Bonnie for details and to sign up at 410-461-3361.

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM Cromwell Valley Park. Diverse habitat includes stream, woods, and fields. Expect to see a variety of resident and migrant birds. Leader: Peter Lev, 410-823-2962 or plev@comcast.net.

★**Caroline**. Tuckahoe State Park. Meet at Tuckahoe Lake parking lot at 8 AM. Leader: Danny Poet.

★**Anne Arundel**. Kinder Farm Park. Join Linda Baker (410-431-7225) on half-day trip to local county park for good variety of birds and migrating fall warblers. Linda will leave from Jones Station Park & Ride (on Ritchie Highway) at 7 AM.

**Sunday, October 5**

★**Howard**. Soldier's Delight in Baltimore County. 8 AM (half day). Meet at Alpha Ridge Park to carpool. Leader Eva Sunell, 410-995-0029. A mile walk on rocky path. This unique geological area known as a pine barren produces stunted trees and rare vegetation. Hopefully we will view the fringed gentian from a safe distance and pronounce a poem above it. Flyover hawks and late migrant warblers possible. Facilities available.

★**Montgomery**. Layhill Park. Half day. Migrant sparrows, warblers and other woodland and edge birds. Waterproof boots and long pants essential. Meet at 7:30 AM at first available parking space on left after pulling into park. Call Leader Rick Sussman (301-774-1185) for reservations and directions. This trip is limited to 8 participants.

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM. Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Talbot**. 7 AM. JE duPont Audubon Sanctuary: Water, grassland, and forest departures and arrivals. [No Breakfast.] Leader: Amy Bourque (410-745-9283, abourque@audubon.org) Depart St. Michaels Village Shopping Center parking lot adjacent to Talbot Bank, St. Michaels.

**Tuesday, October 7**

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM. Lake Roland. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Dot Gustafson, 410-584-9509.

*Meeting.* **Baltimore**. 7:30 PM. Tuesday Evenings at Sherwood. "Do You Want a Boy or a Girl? Manipulation of Offspring Sex in Passerines" by Scott Johnson.

**Thursday, October 9**

*Meeting.* **Howard**. "Hot and Cold Birding" by Barry Miller and Michelle Stewart. Longfellow Elementary School, 5470 Hesperus Drive, Columbia. Hospitality and club bookstore at 7:30 PM, meeting/program begins 8 PM. For further info call Kurt Schwarz at 410-461-1643.

**Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12**

★**Patuxent**. Overnight trip to MOS' Irish Grove Sanctuary and excursion to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Dinner in nearby Crisfield. Bring sleepingbag/linens and stay overnight at the sanctuary, or at motel in Crisfield and rejoin group in AM. Meet at Bowie Park & Ride at 7:30 AM. Leader: Fred Fallon.

**Friday, October 10 – Monday, October 13**

★**Carroll**. Eastern Shore. Meet 10 AM at the visitor center at Bombay Hook NWR, DE. Limited accommodations. RSVP to trip leader Bob Ringler at 410-549-6031.

**Saturday, October 11**

★**Cecil**. Sparrows! Meet at 7 AM at Turkey Point parking lot (half-day). For further info contact Leader Brian Moyer (410-378-5307) or Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Harford**. Susquehanna State Park. Send off the last of the fall migrants and welcome the arrival of some "cold weather" residents. Meet at 7 AM at Rock Run Mill.

★**Allegany**. Meet Ray Kiddy to watch for migrating hawks at a time of year when a good variety of raptor species are expected. Meet at 7:30 AM at Mason's Barn Park & Ride, Exit 46 East Cumberland from I-68. Bring lunch and a drink. Call Ray at 301-729-1972 for info.

★**Talbot**. 7:00 AM Turkey Point Hawk Watch in quest of, you guessed it, hawks. No breakfast, bring lunch. Depart Prime Outlets, Queenstown, in front of LL Bean. Leader: Scott Crabtree (410-643-237, crabtree@myshorelink.com).

★**Frederick**. Washington Monument Hawk Watch. Gary Smyle will help us identify migrating hawks at the Monument on South Mountain. We will meet at Baker Park at 7:30 AM. If you want to go straight to the site, contact Gary (301-663-0055) for directions and other info.

★**Tri-County.** Cape Henlopen SP and Prime Hook NWR, DE. Migrating waterfowl, falcons, and resident Brown-Headed Nuthatches. For info contact Sam Kyke at 410-742-5497. Meet at Asbury Methodist Church (north parking lot), Salisbury, at 7:30 AM. Bring lunch/snack/drink.

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**Sunday, October 12**

★**Harford**. Brigantine NWR, NJ. All-day adventure to this birding mega-hotspot consisting of fresh & salt water marshes, sheltered impoundments, open bays, upland brush, and deciduous forest. Bring lunch and windbreaker. Meet at the MD 155 and I-95 Park & Ride at 7 AM.

★**Howard**. "Big Sit." All Day. Meet at the wildlife end of Centennial Park. Leader Kurt Schwarz, 410-461-1643. Bring a chair and sustenance to join in the 5th annual Big Sit. Originated by New Haven Bird Club with the objective of counting as many species as possible from one spot. We draw a 17 foot circle and any bird seen or heard from within the chosen area is countable. Past highlights are Sora, Merlin, and Bald Eagle. Can we top our previous high of 55? Great for beginners! Stay for a little while or join Kurt for the whole day. Facilities available.

★**Anne Arundel**. "Big Sit," Kinder Farm Park. Sue Ricciardi (410-647-9513) will coordinate our entry into this nationwide contest. We will compete in the all-day event against teams from across the country. All species counted must be done from inside a 17-foot circle. We will start counting at 5:45 AM and record until dark. Please call Sue for a time slot. This is a team effort! Bring a chair, snack to share, and have a fun birding day in the park. Call Sue to sign on for an hour or two or longer.

★**Montgomery.** "Big Sit." Black Hill Regional Park. Rick Sussman (warblerick@aol.com) will even provide coffee and donuts if you arrive early enough.

★**Montgomery**. Little Bennett Park. Half day. Everyone welcome, especially new birders, to enjoy this area of varied habitats and bird life. Late warblers and vireos, early sparrows, and some raptors possible. Contact leader for reservations, time and place to meet. Leader: Gemma Radko, 301-606-4373.

★**Baltimore.** 8:30 AM Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Talbot**. 7 AM. Hope House Farm, Tunis Mills: Birds of woodland, field, and waterfront. Leader: Les Roslund (410-763-8169, lroslund@bluecrab.org) Breakfast Host: Mary Yancy. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

**Tuesday, October 14**

★**Anne Arundel**. B&A Trail. Join Linda Baker (410-431-7225) on weekday morning bird walk. Linda will depart from B&A Trail Park HQ at 8 AM for half-day trip. Park HQ located on Earleigh Heights Rd off Ritchie Highway at Severna Park.

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM. Lake Roland. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Matilda Weiss, 410-337-2732.

*Meeting.* **Allegany**. 7 PM. "Avian Communities in a Reclaimed Mine Landscape" (an appropriate topic for our area) by Petra B. Wood. Board of Education Building, 108 Washington St, Cumberland. Contact J.B. Churchill at 301-697-1223 for more info.

*Meeting.* **Patuxent**. "The Best of Luther Goldman." Luther will present the cream of his award-winning wildlife slides from all over North America, gathered over his long lifetime as legendary refuge director and beyond. Formal program at 7:30; doors open at 7:00 for conversation, refreshments, and exchange of birding news. College Park Museum Annex at the end of Cpl Scott Drive, off Paint Branch Parkway, first light east of the College Park Metro Station.

**Thursday, October 16**

*Meeting.* **Caroline**. "Seabirds of the Maritime Provinces of Canada." Speaker: Dr. Robert Trever. Caroline County Public Library, 100 Market St, Denton.

**Friday, October 17 – Sunday, October 19**

★**Anne Arundel**. Kiptopeke/Fisherman's Island NWR, Virginia. Peter Hanan (410-721-2658) will lead this 3-day trip to lower Eastern Shore in search of shorebirds and migrating hawks. Call Peter to confirm arrangements by October 12.

**Saturday, October 18**

★**Cecil**. Turkey Point Migrants & Hawk Watch. Meet at 8 AM at Turkey Point parking lot (half-day). For further info contact Leaders, Sean McCandless (410-392-3407) or Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

★**Harford**. Waggoner's Gap. Fantastic locale near Carlisle, PA for close views of migrating raptors and beautiful overlooks of fall foliage. All-day, stationary watch; bring lunch. Meet at 7 AM at the MD 152 and MD 147 park-n-ride.

★**Howard**. Hawk Mountain, PA. All day (weather conditions permitting). Leader Harry Fink. Expect a hike up the mountaintop to sit for the day and watch the hawks fly. Bring food and drink and cushion. Call Bonnie Ott for details and to sign up (410-461-3361).

★**Washington**. Lilypons is our destination. Meet 8 AM at the Rte 66 Park & Ride. Contact Judy Lilga, 301-432-2276, for details.

★**Frederick**. Lilypons with Mike Welch. Good for beginners. Possible American Bittern, Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow, and other fall migrants. Meet at Lilypons at 7:30 AM. Call Mike (301-874-5828) for further info.

★**Carroll**. Washington Monument State Park. Meet 8 AM at the Park & Ride on Rte 27 north of I-70, in Mt. Airy. For more info, contact leader Bill Ellis at 410-781-7113. Trip may be followed by a meal at a special restaurant at South Mountain.

★**Patuxent**. Town Hill Hawk Watch, Allegany County. A new hawk watch with a good chance for Golden Eagle, a little closer than Waggoner's Gap. Other birding opportunities nearby. Meet at 7:00 AM at Beltway Plaza. 3/4 day; bring lunch, water, and cushion. Leader: Chan Robbins. (Call Fred Fallon for reservations).

**Sunday, October 19**

★**Howard**. Autumn birds of Mount Pleasant. 8 AM (3 hours). Meet at shed. Leaders: Karen Darcy and Kevin Heffernan (410-418-8731). An easy walk through the meadows of the Howard Conservancy property. Sparrows and migrant hawks expected. Facilities available.

★**Baltimore.** 8:30 AM Cylburn Self-guided Walk. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Talbot**. 7:00 AM. Pickering Creek Audubon Center in quest of woodpeckers and freshwater waterfowl. Leaders and breakfast hosts: Mark and Susanna Scallion (410-310-2385). Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

**Tuesday, October 21**

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM. Lake Roland. A series of weekly walks to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Ruth Culbertson, 410-825-1379.

**Saturday, October 25**

★**Harford**. Swan Harbor Farms. This recently acquired park on the Oakington Peninsula contains a mix of flooded and dry agricultural fields, deciduous woodlands, and brushy meadows. Meet at the park headquarters at the end of the entrance road at 8 AM.

★**Frederick**. Audrey Carroll Cleanup. Help with chores and look for hawks and other fall migrants. Bring heavy gloves and binoculars. Meet at the Park & Ride, Rte 75 just south of I-70, at 7:30 AM. Call David Smith (410-549-7082) for info.

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM to Noon. Saturday Monitoring Walks at Fort McHenry. Cancelled if raining. Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

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**MOS CALENDAR**
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**★= Field Trip**

★**Baltimore**. 8 AM Northampton Furnace Trail. Level walk through mixed woods and brushy habitats to edge of Loch Raven Reservoir. Good chance for Winter Wrens, lingering Robins, and some waterfowl. Meet at Dulaney Valley Road and Chapelwood Lane, 2 miles north of Beltway exit 27. Leader: Joy Wheeler, 410-825-1204.

★**Anne Arundel**. Calvert County. Join trip leader Nick Nicholson (410-721-4814) on full-day trip to several good birding areas in southern MD. Trip will depart at 8 AM from Parole Park & Ride off Riva Road.

**Sunday, October 26**

★**Howard**. Hawk Watch at Mount Pleasant. 10 AM to early afternoon. Leader Ralph Geuder (410-768-3764). Bring a chair and sustenance, sit and watch the hawks fly. Stay for a little while or stay all day. Facilities available.

★**Baltimore**. 8:30 AM Cylburn Self-guided Walk. Last of the Cylburn walks. A series of casual fall walks. Meet at the Mansion's front porch on Sunday mornings for easy birding in Cylburn's gardens and urban forest. Beginning birders welcome. Expect to find a variety of migrant and resident birds. No designated leader. Coordinator: Joe Lewandowski, 410-358-7834 or ilenel@juno.com.

★**Talbot**. 7 AM. Cookes Hope: A new location for us! Leader: Wayne Bell (wayne.bell@washcoll.edu, 410-820-6002). Breakfast Host: Nancy & Bernie Burns. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

**Tuesday, October 28**

*Meeting*. **Washington**. Marilyn Mause of DNR will discuss "Wild Acres Program." Meet at Mt. Aetna Camp & Retreat Center at 7:30 PM. Call Anna Hutzell, 301-797-8454, for additional info.

★**Baltimore**. Lake Roland. Last of the Lake Roland walks. A weekly series to follow the progress of migration. Two or three hours and miles of walking. Some uneven terrain and steep dikes optional at far end. Leader: Josie Gray, 410-922-1837.

**Wednesday, October 29**

★**Harford**. Turkey Point Hawk Watch. The club returns to this great local hawk watch to pick up the late migrant raptors that were missed last trip. Meet at the MD 155 and I-95 Park & Ride at 8 AM.

**Saturday, November 1**

*Annual Banquet*. **Allegany**. Speaker Dick Smith: "Rare Butterflies of MD." 5:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church Social Hall, 48 Main St., Frostburg. Please call Charlotte Folk at 301-689-6587 to make reservations. Call Charlotte or Barbara Gaffney at 301-895-4646 for more info. Cost for the dinner is $13 (students $10), including tax and gratuities. Please send payment to Charlotte Folk at 179 Mt. Pleasant Street, Frostburg, MD 21532.

★**Harford**. Owl Prowl. Tame nightlife getting you down? Get with the pros as Leaders guide you through the Harford countryside to make "rarely heard-seldom seen" a thing of your owling past. Dress warmly and meet at the Eden Mill millhouse at 5:30 PM.

★**Howard**. Bon Secours. 9:30 AM (1.5 hours). Meet in visitor's parking lot. Leaders: Michele Wright (410-465-6057) and Eva Sunell (410-995-0029). Easy walk through the lovely grounds of this spiritual center. Woodlands and fields will host a variety of birds. Facilities available.

**Saturday, November 1 - Sunday, November 2**

★**Frederick**. Town Hill Overnight. We will stay at a local B&B on Saturday and visit the famous (in Maryland, anyway) hawk watch. This time of year is good for Northern Goshawks. Meet at 10 AM at Baker Park on Nov 1. For information and reservations, contact Dave Smith (410-549-7082).

**Sunday, November 2**

★**Howard**. Centennial. 8:00 AM (3 hours). Meet at west end lot. Leader Ralph Cullison (410-442-2181). Easy 2-mile walk around lake on paved path. Migrant hawks expected and late passerines may be lingering. Facilities available.

★**Talbot**. 7:00 AM. Wye Island: Land and water birds; don't miss the giant holly. Leader: Danny Poet (410.827.8651, dannypoet@hotmail.com No Breakfast. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

**Tuesday, November 4**

★**Baltimore.** 8:30 AM Loch Raven Self-guided Walk. Join Baltimore Bird Club members during November in the first of four walks. Hike through woods and fields with the opportunity to see many migrants such as Rusty Blackbirds, Fox Sparrows, Swainson's and Hermit Thrushes. Scope the lake for Bald Eagles, swans, ducks, other waterfowl. No designated leader. Coordinators: Elliot Kirschbaum (410-243-1481 or ekirschb@bcpl.net) and Paul Noel (myconut@msn.com or 410-243-2652).

*Meeting*. **Baltimore**. 7:30 PM Tuesday Evenings at Sherwood. "Maryland Peregrine Falcons: A Closer Look." Speaker: Craig Koppie.

**Wednesday, November 5**

★**Baltimore**. 9:30 AM-Noon. First Wednesdays at Fort McHenry. Our monthly visit to assist in survey of bird activity. Cancelled in bad weather (high winds, fog, rain, snow). Leader: Jim Peters, 410-429-0966.

*Meeting*. **Carroll**. 7:30 PM. Please contact Amy Hoffman at 410-549-3598 for details on program & location.

**Thursday, November 6**

*Meeting*. **Frederick**. Don Briddell presents "My Life with Birds," a discussion of the importance of birds to people in Somerset County and Tidewater Country, along with some of the history of Irish Grove and the surrounding area. C. Burr Artz Library in downtown Frederick at 7 PM. Contact Marcia Balestri (301-473-5098, mebalestri@erols.com).

**Friday, November 7**

★**Cecil**. Turkey Point OWLS BY NIGHT. Meet at 7 PM at Turkey Point parking lot (2–3 hrs). For further info contact Leader Scott Powers (410-658-2360) or Richard Donham (610-932-0634).

*Meeting*. **Harford**. Program TBA. Meet at 7 PM at Churchville Presbyterian Church, MD 22 & MD 136. For further information, call Jean Wheeler at 410-879-7424.

**Saturday, November 8**

★**Howard**. Sandy Point State Park. Joint Trip with Kent County. 7 AM. Half day (meet at Rte 100 Park & Ride). Leader Walter Ellison. Easy walking on paths and sand. A great location for waterfowl and gulls. Scopes useful. Call Bonnie Ott for info at 410-461-3361. Facilities available.

★**Frederick**. Point Lookout SP and environs. Kelp Gull, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Red-headed Woodpecker, waterfowl, and late migrants. Bring your lunch and meet at Urbana Park & Ride South at 6 AM. Call Mike Welch (301-874-5828) for further information.

★ **Talbot**. 7:00 PM Saw-whet Owl Banding at Adkins Arboretum. *Reservation required*. Contact: Mark Scallion (mscallion@audubon.org, 410-310-2385). Bring a snack and reading material. Depart Tred Avon Shopping Center parking lot in front of Acme, Easton.

**Sunday, November 9**

★**Howard**. Centennial. 8 AM (3 hours). Meet at west end lot. Leader Harry Fink (410-988-8008). Easy 2-mile walk around lake on paved path. Starting to look for waterfowl and hawks still passing through. Facilities available.

*Pelot Sanctuary Maintenance*. **Caroline**. Tuckahoe State Park. Meet at Tuckahoe Lake parking lot. 8 AM. Leader: Danny Poet.

★**Talbot**. 7 AM. Queen Anne's County Sparrow Quest. No Breakfast. Depart Prime Outlets, Queenstown, in front of LL Bean. Leader: Scott Crabtree, crabtree@myshorelink.com, 410-643-3237).

### 2004 MOS Scholarship Program by Jean Fry

The Maryland Ornithological Society is now accepting applications from Maryland teachers, park rangers, and youth leaders for scholarships to attend summer ecology and ornithology workshops which the National Audubon Society holds at its camps in Maine, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Each grant covers the cost of tuition, room, and board for an intensive six-day course of field study and instruction in ecology, ornithology, conservation, and natural history. The value of each scholarship ranges from $600 to $900. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the recipient. Each year approximately ten scholarships are awarded.

Please note: Brochures from the camps are not available until January, so specific dates for camps are not known until then. General descriptions of the content of workshops may be obtained from the scholarship chairperson, MOS chapter presidents, or MOS chapter representatives. Notification is made by early March.

MOS requires that its scholarship recipients work with young people. This includes teachers, camp counselors, park rangers, students, and others who intend to make nature education a part of their careers. Applicants need not be members of MOS, but they must be endorsed by a chapter or a member of MOS. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Each candidate must submit:

1. A letter stating how the candidate's Audubon experience will be used to develop in young people an appreciation of our wild heritage and a sense of responsibility for the care and quality of our natural resources and environment.

2. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who know of the candidate's interests, activities, abilities, and potential. One of these letters should be from either a member of MOS or a chapter of MOS. It is extremely helpful if the letters cite specific activities, accomplishments, or projects in which the applicant was involved, in addition to personal qualities.

3. A current resume.

The following people are helping the Scholarship Committee to recruit candidates in their respective chapters: Allegany—John B. Churchill; Anne Arundel—Al Haury; Baltimore—Dr. Ben Poscover; Caroline—Debby Bennett; Cecil—Richard Donham; Frederick—Linda Keller; Harford—Dr. Dennis Kirkwood; Howard—Eileen Clegg; Jug Bay Area—Dale Johnson; Kent—Pat Wilson; Montgomery—Barbara Holloman; Talbot—Liz Lawlor; Tri-County—Patsy Decker; Washington—Ann Mitchell. These individuals are able to answer questions about the program and assist in the application process.

Applications for the 2004 workshops are due by January 31, 2004. Please submit applications and direct questions to Jean Fry, Chairperson of the MOS Scholarship Committee, 1202 Ridge Road, Pylesville, MD 21132. Phone: 410-452-8539 E-mail: ffryjl@aol.com All chapter presidents and representatives are urged to see that this information is disseminated as widely as possible to all educators and youth leaders in the state. A broad base of applicants is needed to ensure wide participation and fairness in the selection process.

### In Memoriam: Joe Vangrin

Sympathy is extended to Carole Vangrin and her family upon the loss of their husband and father, Joe Vangrin, who died on March 17, 2003, at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air of a sudden heart attack. He was 65.

A native of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Joe received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in mathematics from Montclair State College in New Jersey. His master's program was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Joe retired seven years ago from the Harford County Public Schools after 33 years of service as a mathematics teacher and work experience coordinator. He also had served as an adjunct faculty member at Essex and Harford community colleges. He had coached varsity football at Edgewood and C. Milton Wright high schools and at Apollo High School in Pennsylvania.

Joe had been a member of the Harford County Bird Club since 1988. There he served on the field trip committee for many years and had represented Harford County as a director on the MOS state board since 1995. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it involved hosting a state board meeting, setting up for the wine and cheese social, leading a field trip, helping out at the annual picnic, or putting the room back in order after a dinner meeting. He had traveled to Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado, and Utah with "Spike" Updegrove on two summer birding forays.

Joe and Carole had attended several Elderhostels. He was an avid fan of high school, college, and pro sports teams of western Pennsylvania, a member of the Bel Air Athletic Club, and treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 999 in Forest Hill. In addition to his love of birds, Joe's diverse interests included architecture, landscaping and horticulture, art, natural history, and Civil War and military history. Joe was a loving, kind and gentle man who greeted each day with a smile. He had a witty sense of humor and a positive attitude toward life.

In addition to his father, Bernard Francis Vangrin of Slicksville, PA, Joe is survived by his wife of 39 years, Carole L. Vasbinder Vangrin; a son, Eric Edward Vangrin of Bel Air; two daughters, Dawn L. Vangrin of Chestertown and Bethany A. Vangrin of Bel Air; and two brothers and a sister.

Services were held on March 21, 2003 at the McComas Funeral Home in Bel Air. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery in Indiana, PA, on March 22.

Contributions in Joe's memory may be sent to Harford County MOS, c/o Ms. Joyce Gorsuch, 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, Delaware 19707-1508.

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